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(a)

Dep AAA Bn by the Artillery Officer personnel Section of
GOFG Hq in Potsdam-Babelsberg.

(b) Secret documents and the unit standards of the 932d and 935th Sep AAA Bns were marked with the unit designation. No equipment was marked with the unit designation of either unit.

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7. [redacted]
- (a) The military intelligence section of the 932d Sep AAA Bn was composed of one officer (sr lt), one NCO, and six privates (two reconnaissance men, two telephone men, and two radionmen). The mission of this section was to conduct observation for hostile aircraft and to identify aircraft; the men of the section were called "Razvedchiki" (reconnaissance men). This section had no liaison with VNOS (air raid warning service) or MGB/MVD. It was directly subordinate to the chief of staff.
- (b) The 59th Guards Rifle Division had two reconnaissance officers and one topographical officer, who had staffs of EM as radio operators, telephone men, and reconnaissance men.
- (c) [redacted] MVD troops were located in Halle. These troops wore green caps and green shoulderboards.
- (d) [redacted] MGB officers: Lt Col (fnu) Parnishev, Capt (fnu) Burov and Lt (fnu) Yarukin, of whom were on the OKR staff of the 57th Gds Rifle Div. They wore an infantry officer's uniform and Burov and Yarukin wore artillery uniforms.
- (e) MVD troops can arrest Soviet Army personnel only on the basis of a warrant issued by corps headquarters and turn prisoners over to unit officers for further action. The MGB may arrest any Soviet personnel.
8. [redacted] censorship of mail and photographs:
- (a) A special detachment of the Eighth Gds Army in Weimar censored all the mail for units of the Eighth Gds Army. Mail to and from the USSR is censored. There was no unit censorship.
- (b) [redacted]
- (c) It is prohibited to write letters containing military information such as unit identifications or locations, branch of service, and training schedules. By usage and custom, and perhaps discretion, the usual letters of Soviet personnel were limited to the following: "Am getting along fine. The food and life here are good. I am in excellent health."
- (d) Letters which violated censorship directives were returned to the sender's unit commander for action. He would issue a warning for a first offense, unless it was a very serious violation, but a recurrence could net the offender 20 days in the guardhouse or a court-martial.
- (e) Frequently the censors simply blacked out offending material. This was normally done in letters from the USSR to Soviet troops in Germany.

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- (f) Officially no Soviet Army personnel could use the German mails. [redacted] Soviet personnel received mail through the German mails.
- (g) All troops could buy cameras, on sale at the Voyentorg (PX), without obligation to register them. They were not permitted to photograph barracks or equipment. Films could be developed and printed either in the PX or in German stores.
9. [redacted] Kommandaturas [redacted] following information:
- (a) [redacted] military kommandatura (not the Soviet Military Administration Kommandatura) in Naumburg. Maj (fnu) Sirota, deputy commander of the 932d Sep AAA Bn, was in charge of the kommandatura. He commanded an unknown number of officers and EM of the various units of the 57th Gds Rifle Div who were assigned to the kommandatura in order to preserve order in Naumburg, arrest AWOLs and apprehend fraternizers.
10. [redacted] Following details about the Secret Document Section of the 932d Sep AAA Bn which was directly under the chief of staff:
- (a) Materials kept in this section included:
- (1) All classified correspondence with other units
 - (2) All orders, directives and regulations issued by the 57th Gds Rifle Division, the 8th Gds Army, GGPf and the Ministry of Armed Forces
 - (3) Divisional, regimental and battalion T/O and E
 - (4) Supply reports on clothing and equipment, food and fodder, and ammunition
 - (5) Alert orders
 - (6) Political propaganda material
 - (7) Training manuals
 - (8) Literature on the US forces and other armed forces
 - (9) Maps of Germany, including the western zones, ranging in scale from 1:10,000 to 1:500,000
- (b) Sgt (fnu) Yeroshin, [redacted] clerk-typist in the Secret Documents Section, handled all entries, filing and correspondence.
- (c) An NCO, accompanied by two guards, acted as courier.
- (d) All the personnel of the section [redacted] the sergeant, the courier and the guards, were carefully screened by the MGB.

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- (e) All correspondence was conducted according to Order #060 of the Ministry of Armed Forces Moscow, 1948. The order defines classifications, priorities and procedures for forwarding classified documents.
- (f) Documents were classified "Secret", "Top Secret", "Letter A," and "Letter K". "Letter A" accompanied the classification and indicated that any assistant of the addressee could open the communication. "Letter K" accompanied the classification and indicated that only the addressee personally could open the communication. Documents also were graded as to priority: either urgent or very urgent.

10. With the exception of personnel mentioned above /See paragraph 7d/

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